

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2014

Strong Schools Coalition



The Strong Schools Coalition works to **inform** and **engage** the community to positively **impact** the public schools in Douglas County.

DCSD NEWS FROM THE WEEK

[Student-to-counselor ratios bring challenges for mental health support](#) — 2/2/14
denverpost.com

Mental health services provided by school counselors, psychologists and social workers are a key line of defense against school violence, experts say.

[Schools' security processes ever changing](#) — 1/31/14 highlandsranchherald.net

Douglas County School District's security plan constantly changes. In the wake of the Arapahoe High School tragedy, district leaders said they are making further adjustments to a system they already believe is sound, but never will be concrete.

[Investigation on alleged school financial discrepancy ongoing](#) — 1/31/14
highlandsranchherald.net

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Douglas County School District both confirmed Jan. 31 that an investigation is underway surrounding a discrepancy within the district's transportation department.

[Dougco's testing waiver bill introduced](#) — 1/30/14 co.chalkbeat.org

A bill that would allow school districts to seek waivers from state standardized tests was introduced Thursday in the House.

[Mountain Vista High School students help design STEM/Fabrication Lab](#) — 1/30/13
yourhub.denverpost.com

Mountain Vista High School is building a new state-of-the-art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Fabrication Lab, and Kent Allison's engineering students are taking a leading role in the design process.

[Student charged with felony in SkyView Academy blast that sent 5 students, teacher to hospital](#) — 1/30/14 thedenverchannel.com

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — Prosecutors have charged a SkyView Academy student with a felony explosives charge and several misdemeanor assault charges in a chemical bottle-bomb blast earlier this month that sent five students and a teacher to the hospital.

[Student charged in Highlands Ranch school incident](#) — 1/30/14 denverpost.com

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — Authorities have charged a Highlands Ranch charter school student with one felony count of possession of an explosive or incendiary device and five misdemeanor assault counts.

[CALL7 investigation uncovers money missing at the Douglas County School District](#) — 1/30/13 thedenverchannel.com

DOUGLAS COUNTY, Colo. — A CALL7 investigation has prompted the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to begin its own criminal investigation into cash missing at the Douglas County School District.

[School district debuts new website](#) — 1/29/13 highlandsranchherald.net

The Douglas County School District recently debut its redesigned website, a \$225,000 investment district leaders said is more reliable, easier to navigate and allows for quicker updates. It also is intended to serve as the best place to find facts during a crisis.

[Time for superintendent to resign](#) — 1/27/14 highlandsranchherald.net

Letter to the Editor: Thank you for the coverage of the recent Colorado Administrative Court ruling, finding Douglas County School District in violation of the Fair Campaign Practices Act.



Mark Your Calendar

February 4, 2014

Board of Education Meeting

TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

LOCATION: DCSD Admin Building - Board Room, 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox St., Castle Rock

February 5, 2014

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

TIME: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Rock Canyon High School, 5810 McArthur Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch 80124

February 6, 2014

Fiscal Oversight Committee Meeting

TIME: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

LOCATION: West Support Center, 701 Prairie Hawk Drive, Castle Rock 80109

February 11, 2014

District Accountability Committee Winter Forum

TIME: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

LOCATION: Legacy Point Elementary School, 12736 S. Red Rosa Circle, Parker 80134

Important Date(s):

February 21, 2014

Deadline for Application for School Board Director in District F

Application

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